



Bishop-Elect Michael A. Saporito **Archdiocese of Newark**

The son of the late Arsenio and Anna Saporito, Bishop-elect Michael A. Saporito was born on May 3, 1962, in Newark and raised in Bloomfield, New Jersey. He is the third of four children, a sister who is deceased and his two brothers and their families, who reside in New Jersey.

Bishop-elect Saporito attended St. Thomas the Apostle Elementary School in Bloomfield and, in 1980, graduated from Paul VI Regional High School in Clifton. Graduating from Rutgers University Newark in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting, he was employed in public accounting for three years after graduation. He entered Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University in September of 1987 and was ordained a priest on May 30, 1992.

Bishop-elect Saporito has served in parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark throughout his years in ministry. He has served as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph's Church in West Orange, St. Peter the Apostle in River Edge, Our Lady of the Visitation in Paramus, and St Elizabeth in Wyckoff.

In May of 2004, he was appointed Pastor of St. Joseph's in Maplewood, where he served for almost seven years before being named Pastor of St. Helen's in Westfield in February of 2011.

In the course of his ministry, Bishop-elect Saporito has served in numerous capacities as an assistant vocation director, and as a member of both the Priest Personnel Board as well as the Presbyteral Council. He was the Dean of the Deanery covering Maplewood, South Orange and Irvington.

In recent years, Bishop-elect Saporito has been most devoted to the New Evangelization, offering programs of faith development and awakening people to a deeper faith in Jesus Christ, while working tirelessly to foster parish renewal and intentional discipleship. He has served on the Evangelization Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark and as a Board Member for Christlife, an Evangelization apostolate of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Maryland.

On February 27, 2020, His Holiness, Pope Francis named Reverend Michael A. Saporito as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark.

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